

## REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-27 are allowed and that claims 5-7 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 1-4 stand rejected and are at issue.

As an initial matter, the specification was objected to because of an informality. The specification at page 10, lines 5-11 have been amended to recite "arrows 45" as indicated by the Office Action.

Further, claims 1, 8, 14 and 20 have been amended to correct informalities. Specifically, in line 7 of each of claims 1, 8 and 20, the claim has been amended to recite "said compressor wheel" thereby overcoming the objection to these claims. Additionally, claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error whereby "tbs" was replaced with "tabs" as indicated by the Office Action.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by U.S. Patent 6,764,279 to Meshenky. As suggested by the Office Action, this reference is not "by another" and therefore does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). As indicated in the enclosed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 by Steven P. Meshenky, Mr. Meshenky is an inventor of the subject matter disclosed, but not claimed in U.S. Patent 6,764,279, which is now recited in claims 1-4 of the present application. Therefore, in light of this declaration, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims 1-4 allowed.

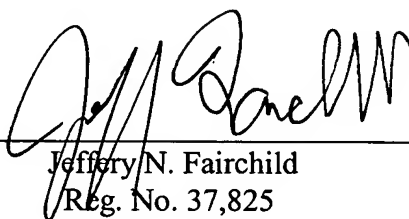
Furthermore, claims 5-7 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As discussed above, claim 1, from which claims 5-7 depend, is now allowable. Therefore, the objection to claims 5-7 should also be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-4 and the objection to claims 5-7 in light of the Declaration of Steven P. Meshenky and allowance of the case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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